

It would be a terrible mistake to allow a greater consolidation of media ownership. I listen to several radio stations, and I have seen the negative effects of deregulation in the last few years: stations actually promote each other, because Clear Channel owns almost all of them, and they start to sound more and more the same. We need to ensure there are several different owners in every medium in every market. Would an isolationist want news about the UN from a media system owned entirely by Ted Turner? Would anyone believe news coverage about the Microsoft monopoly trial if Bill Gates owned all the newspapers, or stories about Enron if Enron controlled the airwaves? The dangers of media ownership concentrated in a few hands are obvious, and a free society must avoid them.